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# WIC TACKS



**VENDORS** are responsible for the following to prevent errors and noncompliance:

**CHANGE:** The limits for penalties used for Calculating Civil Money Payments have increased. The increase changes the policy detailed in both the *Vendor Manual* (Section 9. VIOLATIONS AND SANCTIONS, Civil Money Penalties) and the *WIC Vendor Agreement* (Penalties; Appendix F):

“All civil money penalties issued by the WIC Program shall be calculated using a standard formula. However, the penalty shall not exceed **\$11,000** per violation and **\$44,000** per investigation even if the formula indicates that a higher penalty is warranted.”

**Additional Federal ruling:**

The criteria the State agency uses to determine whether or not a Vendor receives more than 50% of its sales from WIC participants is *not subject to review*.

**Website:** Hawaii WIC Information Site:

[www.hawaiiwic.com](http://www.hawaiiwic.com)

Vendor Training Section includes the *Vendor Manual* and *Cashier Training Video*

New **WIC APPROVED** Infant Formula:  
12-ounce powder

No minimum stocking amount required.



**HELP US to HELP YOU!!!**

WIC needs your help in preventing two (2) of the **“fatal errors”** on WIC Checks:

- 1. Check deposited with “NO SIGNATURE”**
- 2. Infant Formula sold on a check for Infant Cereal**

Remind CASHIERS to catch these situations and eliminate these mistakes.

**Bottle Bill and General Excise Tax rule:**

Can **NOT** charge **General Excise Tax** on 5¢ deposit to WIC check:

**Permitted** to charge **General Excise Tax** on 1¢ container fee



***Thank you for your consideration  
of WIC shoppers.***

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